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SUBJECT: AN QUANG LETTER TO US PRESIDENT

1. AN QUANG HIGH SECULAR COUNCIL SECY GEN VEN QUANG DO MAR 13
SENT LETTER (IN VIETNAMESE) TO EMBASSY FOR FORWARDING TO PRES OF THE
US. OUR TRANSLATION OF TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: MISTER PRESIDENT, WITH REGARD TO THE PRESENT
WAR IN INDOCHINA, I REALIZE THAT "A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL CONCORD"
MUST BE ESTABLISHED IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN ORDER TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND
DEATH. CONSEQUENTLY, ON BEHALF OF THE BUDDHIST FAITHFUL, I
RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY:

FIRST, IMMEDIATELY RE-OPEN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES
INVOLVED IN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CONFLICT (ON THE BASIS OF PRE-
LIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH ITEM 2 HEREUNDER).

SECOND, PROMPTLY ESTABLISH A COUNCIL OF NATIONAL CONCORD IN
SOUTH VIETNAM (AS STIPULATED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT).

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PEACE WILL THEN BE RESTORED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOOD WILL AND

FOR THAT PEACE WE SHALL OWE YOU OUR GRATITUDE.
PLEASE ACECPT OR BEST REGARDS
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE
PRESENT LETTER WERE CONVEYED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE THREE
GOVERNMENTS WHICH SIGNED THE PARIS AGREEMENT ALONG WITH YOURS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY, VENERABLE TRI THU, RECTOR OF THE HIGH SECULAR
COUNCIL. END QUOTE

3. WE SUGGEST A REPLY BE SENT BY AN APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL. REPLY MIGHT THANK AN QUANG FOR THEIR INITIATIVE AND
EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT ZHE INFLUENCE OF THE HIGH SECULAR
COUNCIL WILL BE HELPFUL IN PERSUADING THE OTHER SIDE TO RETURN
TO THE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH THEY UNILATERALLY SUSPENDED
ON MAY 13, 1974.

4. WE ARE POUCHING ORIGINAL COPY OF TRI THU LETTER TO EA/VN.
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